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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/200707

Group: 2613

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Examiner: Y. Lee

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF CODING/DECODING  
MOVING PICTURE AND STORAGE MEDIUM FOR  
STORING CODED MOVING PICTURE DATA

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Letter mailed July 11, 2001, kindly enter the following remarks in the above-captioned application.

**REMARKS**

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter. The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-4 and 7-10 drawn to the apparatus and method for coding a moving picture signal; Group II, claims 5, 6, 11 and 12 drawn to the apparatus and method for decoding a picture signal; and Group III, claim 13 drawn to the storage medium for storing the moving picture signal. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-4 and 7-10. This election is made without traverse and the other claims are retained in this application pending decision to file a divisional application.